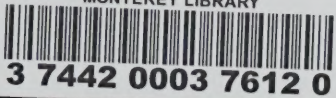


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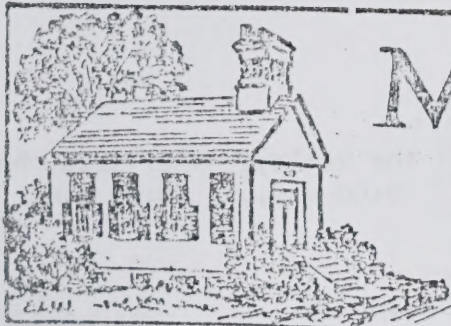


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# MONTEREY NEWS



July - August, 1979

## OUR TOWN



### Monitoring Nuclear Power

On Friday night, July 13th, local members of the Berkshire Alliance for Safe Energy sponsored the showing of a film called "More Nuclear Power Stations" in the Social Room of the United Church Of Christ. The film, made in Denmark coldly delineated the infinitely tedious mechanisms by which nuclear power is generated and by which nuclear wastes are disposed. The possibilities for human and mechanical error were obvious. The presence of radioactive substances was oppressively manifest in the elaborate tortuous precautions taken at every step in the processes of production, transportation, and disposal. The effect of the film was chilling.

A discussion among the thirty-odd people who attended followed the showing of the film. Mickey Friedman offered his concerns about the Yankee Atomic plant in Rowe, Massachusetts. Among them were these: Yankee Atomic is the second oldest operating plant in the U.S. It was opened in 1969. Nuclear power plants have an estimated life of forty years after which they become so radioactive that operation is no longer feasible. Authorities have yet to figure out how to decommission an "expired" plant. Yankee Atomic is one of six plants of which the Union of Concerned Scientists has called for a shutdown. Its safety system has been called "totally useless" by a senior Nuclear Regulatory Commission scientist. Built according to guidelines since proved to be insufficient, the entire system is predicted to burn out before it has a chance to serve its purpose in the event of a major accident at the Rowe Plant. In addition to an inadequate safety system, the pipes which carry emergency coolant have been corroding periodically, allowing radioactive emissions into the atmosphere. Not long ago radioactive cesium was found to have leaked into the nearby Deerfield River from the plant. These are examples of what the NRC called "reportable occurrences." There have been well over 100 of these since 1972. Yankee Atomic is now forced to store its used fuel rods on the premises. An accident which drops the level of protective coolant around these rods could cause an explosion which would contaminate an area around Rowe with a radius of 60 miles. Monterey is about 40 - 50 miles from Rowe.

A letter enumerating these concerns was circulated at the meeting for signatures and was subsequently mailed to each of the Monterey Selectmen. A group of concerned residents appeared at the Selectmen's Meeting Monday, July 16, to hear the Board's response to the letter. The Selectmen were receptive to the recommendations by the group, those being that the Board should (1) contact state agencies responsible for the health and safety of the citizenry and request the installation of devices which will monitor levels of radiation in Monterey's air and water, (2) establish a plan for nuclear emergencies in cooperation with state civil defense agencies and local fire and police departments, and (3) form a town policy with regard to the transportation of nuclear wastes through Monterey.

Anyone interested in participating in the effort to reduce Monterey's vulnerability to Yankee atomic and other sources of radioactivity may call Mickey Friedman (528-9200).

NOTICE - ON AUGUST 18, I LOVE MONTEREY DAY, THE FILM "MORE NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS" WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE DAY. CHECK SCHEDULE FOR EXACT TIME AND PLACE.

### SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS

The Monterey Board of Selectmen in compliance with the Open Meeting Law wish to announce that the Selectmen's weekly Monday night meeting now begins at 7:00 PM. However, the hour between 7 and 8 o'clock will be reserved for paper work and correspondence, and visitors are advised to wait until 8:00 to present their concerns.

SEE INSIDE

SPECIAL SECTION ON

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY, AUG. 18





### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses Scheduled; Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. . . . .  
Kindergarten Class Sundays, 10:30 a.m. . . . .

The wedding of Amy Kahn and Jeffery McQueen was celebrated on June 24 at the family's Lake Garfield home.

Ecumenical Worship An ecumenical worship has been planned for Sunday August 12 as the concluding event of the Monterey Festival of the

Arts. The final one of the Monterey Summer Concerts will have been held on Thursday. "The I love Monterey Day" will have been on Saturday. In view of the fact that this will be the climax of an especially festive event the ecumenical worship for that day will be based on a celebration of the life we are privileged to share together in this area - combining both a summer and year round population and also the various expressions of religions. There will be much music. The climax of the worship will be the use of all worshipers receiving helium balloons which will be released into the heavens. All in the community have a most hearty invitation to join in this reverent and yet festive celebration of our life together in Monterey.



The Board of Directors held their second meeting of the year on June 24. Due in part to the gas shortage attendance was smaller than usual. Opening devotions were led by the president the Rev. Paul Kennedy. He and the executive director; Kent Smith, welcomed the Rev. Gordon E. Hohl, Pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsfield. Dr Kohl is the new representative on this board from the Pittsfield area Council of Churches, to which Gould Farm belongs.

Kent Smith presented his report. He spoke staff changes, especially of the departure of Dan Reuter and his family. Alexander Dreier is the new farm manager. He and his wife, Olivia, and their infant son joined the farm family in march.

Farrington House, Mr. Smith said, "is the growing edge of our program. It now has 15 residents, 14 of them fully employed on regular, 40 hour per week jobs. The Roadside Store is doing well. The lunch counter is popular and is supported by the community." A vote of thanks to Kent Smith for helping people from the farm to get back into the outside world was given by the Board.

Following a report by Janet McKee, chairman of the Task Force on long time residents, and a paper by Kent Smith on that subject, a motion was passed rescinding earlier Board policy and stating as current policy the proposals made by the executive director and approved by the Task Force. This committee recommended also early consideration of a proposed indoor recreational center.

After consideration of financial reports and other business matters, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 13.

This spring and summer there are about half a dozen new staff members who will stay at least for a few months. Robert Groff and Beth Kurtz came in may through the Church of the Brethren, Jennie Patton, a New Yorker, came in June and will leave when College opens in the fall. Skip Winchell, a work leader here last summer, is now a part-time staff member at Farrington House. Gayle Coppock, a recent high school graduate will stay for a good part of the year. Kathrine Duhon and Jonathon Greene were married just before coming as summer work leaders.

Rose McKee

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### MONTEREY GRANGE #291

On June 7, 17 members went on a mystery ride which ended up at Sandisfield Grange where Lee and Great Barrington Granges were. Also present and an enjoyable time was had by all. June 20, election of officers; John Fossen re elected as Master and Mary Wallace as Lecturer. Recently the Master and Lecturer attended the 39th Anniversary of Heart of Berkshires granges. Next meeting will be July 18. There will be a variety program. The next Pancake Breakfast will be July 1.

Mary Wallace  
Lecturer



Great Barrington Camera Club - On July 13, 14, and 15, Many of the members participated in a New England Camera Club Council conference at the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. During the Conference, participants attended several photographic sessions, including a Beauty Pageant and an excellent slide presentation on Canaday by the Eastman Kodak Co

Youth Group - On July 22 and 23, the Youth Group went on their retreat to Warner Farm in Cummington Massachusetts. Also, Several weeks before that, the Youth Group enjoyed a day at Riverside Park. Recently, the group has been making grave Rubbings in cooperation with the Monterey Historical Society. The group will be participating in several event on August 18; I LOVE MONTEREY DAY.

Little League - Coach Leroy Thorpe picked the three All Stars that represented the Yankees at the All Star game on July 22. They were; Keith Amstead, Bobby Stevens and David Smith.

#### WHY DO YOU LIKE MONTEREY?

The following Monterey youths were chosen to write a short answer for the above question concerning Monterey. Their responses were:

NATASHA GROTZ: I like Monterey because of the bright sun, the pool and my new bike. We have more room than in the city. I like having a house with stairs and plus we have deer that eat our apples and lots of other animals.

MEGHAN BRADLEY: Because all of my friends are there and the water is nice. The name of the lake I swim in is Lake Garfield. Last year I was in the Monterey Kindergarten. This year I was in Grade 1 and next September I will be in Grade 2. I am also in Brownies.

JENNY BROWN: I like Monterey because I can ski, skate, swim go to swimming lessons, have snowball fights and splash fights.

DOUGLAS BROWN: I like Monterey because I like playing on the Little League team, playing on the beach, swimming, and playing on the pee wee team. I also like skiing, ice skating, rollerskating and the snowball fights we have at school.

MICHELLE GROTZ: I love Monterey because it's not dirty like a city. I have nice friends and neighbors and lots of fun swimming, skiing, and playing. I think it's one of the best places to be.

SHERI MORSE- Norfolk Virginia: I like Monterey because of the beach and my friends here. At night I like it because the stars twinkle. At home, the sky is too dirty. I like all the birds and grass and the flowers here.

KATY BRADLEY: I like Monterey because it's nice, quiet and clean. There's a lot of things to do - like watching baseball games in Greene Park, Picnicking in Bidwell Park and swimming in Lake Garfield. These are my feelings about "Marvelous Monterey."

RUDI KEILER: After living in Monterey for 7 1/2 years. I have found that the people have taken the country for granted. City life is not one tenth as beautiful as it is here in Monterey, there is no smog, smoke or loud noise up here. We also have beautiful trees, fresh air and clean snow. Our town has a gas station, stores and a post office. We shouldn't have to go to Great Barrington to get a quart of milk, and a dozen eggs. (Especially with the gas crunch.) Yes, I am very lucky to live in a town such as Monterey.

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#### NOTICE TO ALL MONTEREY YOUTH

An open invitation is extended to you from the Monterey Festival of the Earth committee to participate in the I love Monterey Day festivities; Saturday, August 18.

For further information call 528-1988



## PEOPLE WHO NEED PEOPLE

"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world"

Barbra Streisand made this song popular some years ago in the musical, Funny Girl. It made a powerful impression on me at that time. It has remained with me as a poignant statement of our human condition.

Of course it is always true. People do need people. We are social creatures. There is no escaping the fact that though we all have our moods when we want to get away from people, we are linked together with others by bonds much more powerful than we realize. This in no way denies that we require times of solitude. Inescapably, for better or worse, people need people.

On the material, economy level, every day of my life I am linked to such a host of people that if suddenly I should see them all before me my head would swim. And if I should see the real qualitative differences our lives play out with each other my head would be in even more of a whirl. I wonder if it is good that my eyes are blind to the fact that this great fruit buy I just made was at the cost of another person who is living on starvation wages? So many, so infinitely varied, are the stories that lie behind the people we are linked with each day of our lives. Yet I may pass through a day imagining my life has had real interplay with no more than a person or two.

Emerson was deeply impressed by the way we are a part of "The bundle of life." Chardin to whom I have referred numerous times in this column, sees that the whole of humanity is becoming more and more like a single organism. This dizziness in my head does affect the way my feet operate. Mes, and Americans are discovering that the way the Iranians conduct their political life seems to spill over into the fact that you and I have spent some restless times inching our way along in a gas line. The evidence that discomfort in one part of the body affects the functioning of the rest of the body is becoming quite convincing, don't you think?

Now let's bring this whole thing out of the philosophical realm and see what its everyday implications may be.

Right now in Monterey there is growing evidence of the realization that people need other people. Last month I referred to several persons who wondered why, with all the gasoline shortage, we weren't exploring ways of carpooling. Steps are now being taken to work this out. There is the I Love Monterey Day planned for August 18. Much more detail for that day is being presented in this issue of the Monterey News. You cannot miss the fact that much more is involved in this celebration than a little fun and frolic for Monterey. To be sure there is a real fun side to the I Love Monterey Day, but there is also a genuinely serious side. It is an attempt to help us deal with the fact that we live on one earth and that much more careful thought needs to be given to the way we use our resources and the way we order our lives together. It is another way of affirming that people need people.

I hope you will read with real care the proposal for a "WOOD BURNING COOPERATIVE" that is being proposed also in this issue by the Monterey Festival of the Earth Committee. This is a clear cut recognition that people need people. If Monterey people begin to think and plan together for heating next winter we will undoubtedly be better protected from the cold than if each one has to "sink or swim" on their own.

In times like these when government and industry are becoming more impotent to supply fundamental human needs it is important for people who need people to begin coming together on a face to face basis and start planning for their common welfare.

Monterey is beginning to come to this awareness. Developments over the past few months points a direction. My impression is that we have not yet begun to imagine the things that are waiting to take form if only we will position ourselves for them to come into being. We haven't scratched the surface on solar heating. So much is waiting to be learned about healthy, low cost nutrition. The elements that make for true health are so much more internal than we have begun to grasp. How are we as a community going to start informing ourselves about these things - - and implementing ways to make them realities?

The answer is quite obvious. It will come as it filters into the consciousness of one person after another. This can be a very slow process or it can be greatly accelerated. It will be slow if it comes only as each person begins to act on his own behalf. If we bond together each of us assuming some degree of responsibility for the whole community it can come much more rapidly. My guess is that Monterey is getting ready to speed up the process. It is coming from a much clearer recognition that we are bound into the same "bundle of Life." With no bones about it we are starting to see we are people who need people. And if we follow the leads already begun we may in time be singing with Barbra "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world"

Virgil V. Brallier, minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ



## I LOVE MONTEREY DAY

### A Partial List of Participants

- SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY - is a British American Classical theatre company which is in its second season . Currently the company is performing WINTERS TALE and ROMEO AND JULIET outdoors at THE MOUNT, Lenox, Massachusetts. SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY has two purposes:
1. To restore the Edith Wharton home and make it the base of the community core company which stays year round in the Berkshires performing in schools and colleges throughout the winter.
  2. To combine community living with rigorous discipline of class training aimed to raise the quality of performance and restore the ancient relationship of live theatre with its surrounding community.
- NICK NICHOLSON - (solar enrgy) Best known for his "grassroots" approach to building technology, Nicholson is the director of the Ayers Cliff Centre for Solar Research in Quebec, Canada. He is an Architect and a solar engineer and has published two books, The Nicholson Solar Energy Catalogue and Building Manuel and Harvest the Sun.
- STEWART SAGAR - (alternative communities) is soon to leave his business in New York to assume the directorship of ARCO SANTI, Paolo Soleri's arcological city in central Arizona. Friend of the likes of Soleri and Stewart Brand, Sagar will speak about communities; the necessity of sharing and need.
- MICKEY FRIEDMAN - (nuclear power) lives here in Monterey. He is a writer and a teacher and has been known to frequent the Roadside Store. He is especially worried about the Yankee Atomic Nuclear Power Plant in Rowe, Massachusetts. He is 34 years old and would like to make 35.
- BEATRICIA SAGAR and HUCK SNYDER -(Spirit of Community Art) Have been involved in nation-wide experiential art processes involving the community. Most recently in a six week art "process" piece in a Storefront in San Francisco. The process was a statement to bring artist out of the closet and into the community, accessible and creating communication with the people.
- DAVID McALLESTER -(indian song and lore) Is a professor of Anthropology and Musid at Wesleyan University. Special field of study is American Indian Music. He has done field work with and published works about ceremonial music of the Navahos, Apaches and Comanches.
- EVA GRAF - (fairy stories) ordaigned minister, herbalist, and mother of twelve, Eva has had firsthand experience with the fairies.
- STEVE ROSE - musician, composer, collector of antique musical instruments, Steve hosts the weekly Hootenanny at the Lion's Den in Stockbridge every Sunday night.
- JUDITH AND DAVID BACH -(guided experience) are Directors of The Berkshire Center for Pschosynthesis in Monterey.
- PETER and MARY ALICE AMIDON - have performed with the BREAD AND PUPPET THEATRE, a Sacred Harp Ensemble which toured the South and various Country and Traditional music bands.
- ALEXANDER DREIER -(Biodynamic farming) recently assumed the duties of livestock and feed crop manager at Gould Farm. He was formerly at the Rudolph Steiner Farm in New York State.
- HALE BAYOU-SCHATZ - A newcomer to Monterey, concerned with alternative education, currently teaching in Boston at an alternative school which focuses on parent child education.



## I LOVE MONTEREY

### PROSE and POETRY BY THE PEOPLE OF MONTEREY

#### "Monterey"

Cynthia and I decided to drive around the Berkshires one Sunday morning. We left Pittsfield, where we were staying for the summer and drove down to Tyringham to see The Cobble and the Gingerbread House. The country side so charmed us, we decided to continue on and took the road over the mountain. We passed Lake Garfield and approached the town but had to stop and allow a herd of cows cross the road and enter a barn. Sitting there, I could see the village just beyond. An extraordinary feeling engulfed me and I shall never forget it. I was irresistibly drawn to this serene and dignified community. We made an inquiry and within the hour arranged to open an art gallery in a barn adjacent to Brookbend Inn. the following summer (1960).

Thanks to Dick Tryon and his cows, Nina and Della Tryon for providing with information and delicious home made pie, Audrey and Howard Staples for sharing their barn with us we were able to spend the subsequent five summers in idyllic Monterey. Becoming permanent residents was logical and inevitable.

Leonard Weber

It was early October of last year when we decided to take a family trip to Vermont and Mt. Equinox. It was a warm day when we started our drive up the mountain but in the distance we could see that the top was all white. With anticipation of seeing our first snow of the season we continued. After 15 minutes of driving we reached the top and were surprised at the change in the weather. We had left our warm day and entered a cold ten degree winter day with lots of snow. It was beautiful and we were reminded of January in 01245. Needless to say we did not stay long.

Wally Parks,  
Postmaster

Though we are no longer residents of Monterey, this town is a very special place for us. There's a real sense of community in Monterey that is rarely found elsewhere. Neighbors care about each other and band together when there are problems, whether emotional or weathered-inspired. We'll always love Monterey.

Paul and Lynn Edelman

#### I LOVE MONTEREY-

For the many reasons that most residents would give and some special to me. The house in which I was born and was my great grandmother house still stands when I see it every day. My present home was built by my grandfather and mother of whom I have such fond memories. Marion Thompson and I graduated from 8th grade in the same class from Center School and joined the church at about the same time. In short, Monterey has been a part of my life for most of my years and the feeling of pride grows stronger each year.

Over the years many people have lived in or visited our town. Some moved away and found themselves drawn back by some mysterious force. It is that force which I feel is the key to why Monterey is so special to most of us. We have here what the whole country and the world should have. An honest concern for each other. We are not worshipping money, we are worshipping God and proving it in our everyday lives. Race, color, or degrees of education or talent doesn't make one person different from another.

Mildred Walsh

#### My Cabin and I

The Reverend Dr. Robert Brown was the founder of the Elephant Rock Community on Lake Garfield. He was an energetic man, a poet, carpenter, preacher and teacher. In 1920 he and his wife bought land on the shore of Lake Garfield and later built a log cabin there out of dead chestnut trees hauled down from Hunger Mountain. The following is an excerpt from a long account Dr. Brown wrote about building his cabin in the Berkshires.

"I chose Berkshire county for my house building, without much difficulty. It was near at hand, only seventy-five miles away. In three hours I could be in the heart of my beloved hills. I can find heavier foliage than that of the Berkshires, but because of the poverty of the soil there is none more light and friendly unless it be that of Arizona. Furthermore there is a charming mixed quality of the woods. Berkshire is a



camper's paradise!

I feel that there was some sort of a happy fate that destined me to know and to love Berkshire County in a peculiar way. I found there a beauty of form and color in the landscape; there was an intimacy of hill and brook, winding road and nestling village that was captivating and furthermore there was a historical perspective of which one is made conscious by vineclad stone fences, old cellar holes and fallen chimneys as well as many a fine old mansion such as the one on the top of Becket Hill. This was my museum, vast, out of doors, free, but ever whispering of the everlasting march of the race.

I am not a native son of the Bay State. I have not a single ancestral connection with New England. Berkshire had to make its appeal to me entirely upon its own merits, and in the face of formidable competition. For I recall that when I went to the most south westerly town of Massachusetts I was not charmed immediately by what it had to offer. I was forever comparing the infantile peaks of Everett and Greylock with the world famous giants I had known in states far beyond the Mississippi. But in three months time I came to see and to appreciate Berkshire's wealth of beauty that had made it a rendezvous for those who seek a play land unique and satisfying. So it came about that a love for Berkshire steadily engulfed me, and when I could resist the building impulse no longer I selected a site under the very eave of Hunger Mountain where the rain from her birch shingled roof falls into the silver trough of my little inland sea, from whence it flows to the Konkapot, to the Housatonic and on to old ocean.

It is futile I think should anyone reply, "Oh, yes, you had the Berkshires and that accounts for your enthusiasm." No, every man has his own Berkshire. Berkshire is a state of mind. It may crop out as a precious ledge in Newfoundland, or in Nebraska...

There is no region where the machine may not roll one's soul as flat as asphalt if he permits it to do so. And there is no region where one cannot find his way back to the great simplicities and to the eternal verities if he so determines. Mind your Berkshire wherever you are. Begin with a camp fire on an open plain or beneath a single tree. Keep going to one choice place until it becomes rich in associations and hallowed by memories. Build a seat and a table with your own hands, from any material that is near by. Nail a box to a tree for a cupboard, and before long a delightful sense of ownership will come to you. Soon you will be looking around for posts and walls for the shelter you have always wanted and have not dared to undertake.

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The story of Thoreau is always reminding me that I could not probably stay indefinitely at my cabin. ... So all of us who retire to nature for a while must hurry back to the broad field of human action, where men are struggling, falling, rising and achieving in the Armageddon of the world. But my Cabin has given me an untold wealth of strength, sympathy, poise, all of which I shall surely need for the next lap of the race that is ever towards our house not made with hands or axe or plumbline, but by the eternal spirit that

'Sleeps in the stone  
Dreams in the animal  
And wakes in man.' "

#### Some Ways to Enjoy Monterey More Than You Already Do

During this energy crisis when gasoline is at a premium, it might be rewarding to discover and explore some of the beautiful and interesting places in our local area. It is my feeling, after talking with neighbors and friends, that if a group in Monterey would sponsor and help organize a series of walks or a combination of walks and short auto trips during the summer, such trips would be well attended.

The following suggestions for trips are based on my experiences. You may be able to add to these.

Those who have been there say that there is a beautiful view of Monterey and Lake Garfield from the cobbles at the top of Hunger Mountain. The path up the mountain from the Old Mt. Hunger Cemetery is badly overgrown, but if a group of Monterey Youth would open this up, it would give pleasure to all who could hike up the trail. I understand that the land is owned by the state. A more easily accessible view of Monterey can be obtained by walking to the top of Hephzibah Heights. Just breathtaking!

The Wallace Hall Road offers a beautiful trip, going past a beaver dam which has created a pond several feet higher than the road. The walk might end in New Marlboro at the historic Town Green with the landmark old church, the old Inn and the Anvil statue to honor a philosophic blacksmith.

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The Appalachian trail goes through Monterey and provides a number of interesting walks. One is from Beartown Mt. Road to Mt. Wilcox and Benedict Pond and back. Another is from Beartown Mt. Road, over McCartley Road to Tyringham and back over the Tyringham Monterey Road, or continuing on Beartown Mt. Road to South Lee and driving back.

Umpachene Falls is an ideal place in New Marlboro to have a picnic and to marvel at the beauty of the rocks and the successive water falls. For a number of years Senator Edward Kennedy has brought a group of Kennedy children to visit the falls.

A drive in early October over the new road through the Beartown Mt. Forest from Benedict Pond to South Lee is an unforgettable experience, the autumn foliage unbelievably beautiful. Another trip you might like to take after Labor Day, when few visitors would be there, is a drive through the Sandisfield State Forest to York Lake Beach. There are picnic tables, a bath house and trails going out from the picnic area.

Other trips further away include those to Bartholomews' Cobble and the Colonel Ashley House in Sheffield, Bash Bish Falls in South Egremont and a drive or walk from Route 7 (this side of Williamstown) to the top of Mt. Greylock.

Any of the suggested trips can't help but enrich health, interest and love for our Monterey and the Berkshires, and even if you go on all mentioned, you haven't burned very much gasoline.

Olive Davis

#### A Fairy Story

Read this to a child. The child will be able to help you understand it.

As I was strolling through the woods one fine May morning, I chanced upon a clearing in a hemlock grove. In the center of the clearing was an ancient stump that seemed to beckon to me. As I leaned against the decaying stump, I was awed by the crystal clarity of the morning, the sun just peering over the tree tops. At my feet stood painted trilliums--splashes of white and magenta among the brilliant green fern. Here and there grew intricate lacy white balls of dwarf ginseng. Lulled by the green beauty of this wood, I fell into a stillness within myself. Into that stillness came a thought like a wisp of smoke:

"I love you."

"Who are you?" I thought back before I realized what was happening.

"The Fairy Forest."

The Fairy Forest? That didn't come from my mind. I listened more.

"I am the Lord of May. We welcome you."

I looked around. No, I wasn't dreaming. I had heard of fairy folk in myth and I had known of those who claimed to talk to these folk. I had also read accounts of them, but to hear them myself? I asked, "Where are you, Lord of May?"

"I sit here on the fairy stump behind you."

I looked but I saw nothing. I pushed on, "Please tell me about yourself."

"I am the lord of all fairies, of the wood and of the garden. I oversee their work, which is to help plants and trees grow, to work with the life force of Nature. Without our help, there would not be this vibrancy of new growth that you celebrate each Spring and Summer."

Since we were in the month of May, I asked, "Is there a different lord for every month? Do you take turns being the lord, for example lord of June or July?"

"No, I will be the lord of the spirits until such a time as I am no longer able."

"Do you age then, like we do?"

"No, we are spirit. We do not age. I would not be able to continue in my work for instance, if I let my own spirit deteriorate."

"What is May then? If not a time, then is it a place?"

"Yes, there are many regions in the realm of nature spirits: Iona, Maryland, and so forth, and May is this place, Monterey."

"Then you are the spirit of Monterey?"

"Yes."

It was difficult for me to communicate with one whom I couldn't see and doubts assailed me. I then recalled a story my son had told me of how he had danced with little creatures in this very grove. He had not spoken to them but had felt them tumbling over him joyfully as he danced, and he saw flashes of blue light in the clearing. I had chuckled at his imagination then. I asked the Lord of May, "How can I see you?"

He replied, "You must picture me in your mind's eye, then it will be easier. I am as small as a down of fluff, about two inches high. I have gossamer wings and tiny feet. I have blue eyes and red hair. I dress as a little king with a long flowing blue robe embedded with jewels and a silver crown upon my head. If you keep picturing me, one day you will see me. You may be sure that we are here in real form and spirit. Please be happy. Visit us often here and in your garden. You have to listen for our happy chatter very carefully, because our voices are as fragile as butterfly wings."

As I left the clearing and walked home through the woods, I was so much more aware of the life and the joy surrounding me and the excitement of future possibilities in the exploration of these unseen realms of nature. In my mind, questions started forming already for the next time we would meet.

To be continued.



### WOODBURN FARM

I love our land

I love the grasses that grow on it  
the bushes and the trees.

I love the animals that live on it,  
both domestic and wild.

I love the birds that fly over it  
and the fishes that swim in our streams.

I love the sunshine that ripens our crops  
and the dark clouds that brings the rain

I love planting, harvesting and calving  
I love our land.

I love the mist on the meadows at dawning  
and the cows waiting at the gate for milking

I love the cardinal that answers from the pine trees  
when I call the cattle in the morning.

I love the freedom we have, to choose our  
own occupation, and the know how that  
enables us to grow extra food for a hungry world

I love our land

Sheldon Fenn

### LAMENT FOR SUMMER

The purple aster follows all too soon  
The sweet white clover's bloom  
That shy, young crescent riding high  
Has changed to a harvest moon.

The leafy curl in the willow's hair  
Is yellowed now and sear  
And April's brook that wept and laughed  
One scarcely now can hear,  
So low it runs and small  
It's only Autumn's tear.

The wind is playing with pools of dust  
Far down the country lane  
The maple shows one scarlet branch  
To warn of Fall again.

Oh Summer, that we greet with outstretched arms  
We beg you stay awhile!  
As treasured as your fruit and grain  
Is your last and lingering smile.

October 8, 1943  
Rachel Young Lutz  
1882-1974

### MATT'S ROOM : Looking Towards Mount Hunger, Monterey

There's a secret door here  
and a blooming window-  
it greens open a little at a time  
out over water.  
the eye guts the air  
in half the time  
it takes to dream a canoe  
trip through the weeds below.  
no, my skull opts for the sky  
and the open dive  
but here, half-way  
i am getting ready.  
there's a pilot's cap on the peg.  
here, you must have wavered  
paced the room  
in the perfect outfit  
tried the round glasses  
sat down, chased the idea-  
nursing scotch, nursing heroes  
and the flight out.

Rea Gates



### FLOWERS ARE SILENT SETTLED VEGETATION

Flowers are silent settle vegetation  
with many devices for discrete insemination.

People walk about  
they sing, they shout  
they change their petals --  
now silk, now nettles --  
they ride in cars  
drink in bars  
cultivate tastes  
dispose of wastes  
invent societies  
of many varieties  
profess religion  
Druid through Stygian  
and procreate all  
in a dual sprawl.

The quiet desire of a plant in its place  
begets in single being, without embrace.

Susan McAllester

### BARGAIN AT THAT

When we had bought the place, he said,  
"With sickle and ax, I'll pry  
Into the thicket along the road,  
Jungle of summer, and try  
To see what we have." So out he went,  
And, well, how should we know  
That what we had were seventeen  
White sisters in a row?

Soon he had cleared the brush away,  
But listen to my call,  
"Please let the young, white birches stay!"  
We have kept them all.  
They stand in twos and ones, and threes,  
Like the Graces in a frieze,  
And sway, when the wind sweeps low -  
Seventeen white sisters in a row.

Always life has saved for me  
More than I ever thought  
I was buying. Nor did he  
Know what we had bought.  
The house was frailer than we knew,  
And the well went dry,  
But the trees can toss the moon  
In hands uplifted high.  
White, they bow and sway and croon.  
How were we to know  
That we were buying seventeen  
White sisters in a row?

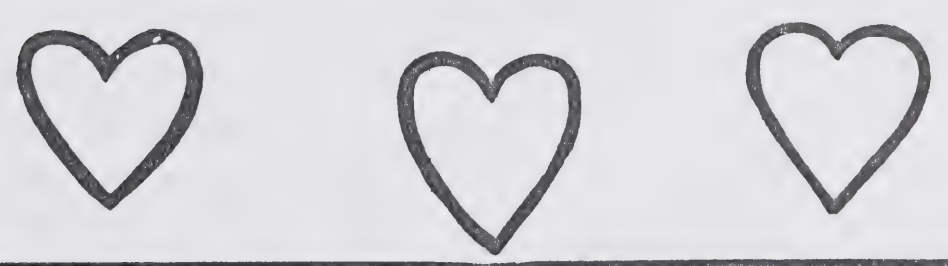
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I LOVE MONTEREY DAY  
A FESTIVAL OF THE EARTH  
AUGUST 18, 1979



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(the above design complete with the Monterey Seal, drawing of town center, and festival date....)

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GREFNE PARK

TOWN CENTER

BIDWELL PARK

10:00 AM - TOWN PARADE

Led by the famous, yet to be assembled, indigenous MONTEREY MARCHING BAND. All townspeople, young and old, are invited to march. Wear costumes appropriate to the theme of the day THE EARTH'S BOUNTY. Represent your club, your business, your personal contribution to the town. Carry a banner, ride a horse, push a baby carriage, beat a drum, shake a shaker. Anything goes. Gather at the fork of Rte 23 and Sandisfield Road at 9:30 AM. LOOK FOR THE BIG RED HEART!

10:30 AM until 6:30 PM

BOOTHS -

FARMERS MARKET - Plants flowers, balloons, Monterey Co-op, cheeses, nuts, dried fruit, local gardeners' produce, baked goods and jellies.

CRAFTS - potters, woodworkers, the Monterey TOYMAKER, I Love Monterey T-Shirts, Make your own Monterey Tote Bag, Calendars, etc. weaving, jewelry, batiks.

ART EXHIBIT - Monterey scenes.

BOOK SALE - Monterey Library, sponsor.

HERBAL REMEDIES and Massage-

TOWN and COUNTY RESOURCES Pamphlets and information on Town Businesses, town Government, local experts and lore. County agencies, Special Interest Groups.

Caricatures by Leonard Weber

BIDWELL PARK

Puppet Show - Monterey Puppet Repertory

Fairy Stories - Eva Graf

Guided Experiences - Judith and David Bach

FILMS

Films in the LIBRARY Basement throughout the day, Solar Energy, Nuclear Power Plants, Alternative Communities, Nutrition

SPEAKERS CORNER

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\* Alternative Energy - Rep. from Center for Ecological Technology  
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\* Solar Energy - Nick Nicholson

\* Bio dynamic Farming - Alexander Br eir

\* Nuclear Power - Mickey Friedman

\* Alternative Communities - Stewart Sagar

\* Education - Public, private and alternativ

\* Storytelling and Poetry Readings - Monterey Raconteurs.

\* Participatory Art - Demonstration -

\* Huck Snyder and Beatricia Sagar

\* A Dream of Monterey - Virgil Brallier

\* OPEN FORUM - Your chance to speak your mi

PERFORMANCES

\* SHAKESPEARE and COMPANY - Lenox, Ma.

\* Special appearance for Montr

\* FOLK SINGING By STEVE ROSE

\* COUNTRY AND SACRED HARP MUSIC - Peter and Mary Alice Amidon

\* INDIAN TALES AND SONGS - David McAllester

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

\* Pony Rides - the Heaths, Pony and Cart

\* Face Painting - Candy Tillotson

\* Nature Walks - local Botanizers

\* Historical Society - Special Wing open all afternoon.

4:00 PM - COMMUNITY SOFTBALL GAME - Bring your glove

6:00 PM - COMMUNITY PICNIC - Bring your everything

7:30 PM - CONTRA DANCE - Music, and Instruction by  
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## WOOD AS AN ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCE

At a recent meeting of the Monterey Festival of the Earth Committee (the organizing body of I Love Monterey Day to be held on August 18) the topic of wood heat was discussed. It is becoming painfully apparent that our dependence on non-renewable sources of energy (eg. petroleum, coal, and uranium), which become more expensive as they become harder to find, has placed us in an untenable position economically, politically, and ecologically. Inflation at the level of energy supply of necessity creates inflationary effects down the economy's line- eg. in production, transportation, etc. The dwindling of our national supply of non-renewable resources places us in increasingly uncomfortable position in international politics. And the proliferation world-wide of atomic weaponry serves to make this situation all the more delicate and dangerous. Finally, non-renewable sources of energy lend themselves to uses which have negative effects on the eco-system and on our health. All in all it is clear that we are headed towards economic and social collapse if we remain in our old pattern of abusing nature and consuming thoughtlessly. Time is literally running out on our now habitual syndrome of exploiting the earth and not giving back, of living with but token reverence for the life that moves in the world.

Fortunately there is an alternative, stemming in many forms from the earth's great benefactor, the sun. One of the forms of solar energy most available to New England is the renewable resource of wood. With proper forestry techniques, a sensitivity to nature, and careful safety precautions, wood heat can be an important and aesthetically satisfying resource. Indeed, many of us have been using wood stoves for years. One of the beliefs the Festival of the Earth Committee has come to is that wood heat would not only be healthy for our community economically and ecologically, it may well be a necessity for survival at some point, possibly soon. There are ways that we as a community can prepare for such an eventuality. Perhaps we can avoid desperate individual efforts to stay warm, and with forethought learn to share and prepare in a spirit of community and joy.

One step we are taking is to provide information on the art of heating with wood; on August 21, at 7:30 in the Social Room of the Monterey United Church of Christ, the Monterey Festival of the Earth committee will present more factual information and specifics on Monterey and a wood heating plan. Besides educating ourselves about safe, efficient ways to heat with wood, there are other ways in which we can begin to work together. One idea is a wood co-op, designed to insure the availability of wood at the most reasonable prices possible. We are researching how others have organized such cooperative efforts. Our thoughts at the present encompass the following: there is a state forest in Monterey where wood may be available, and there are many private parties whose land would benefit from some thinning. (Under the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources' Forest Incentives program and Rural Environmental Assistance Program, a good deal of the cost of thinning is paid by the state. There are also Tax incentives. There are those with woodcutting equipment and experience and those without. Those who are physically capable and those who are not but have other things to offer (eg. - forest land, money, produce, crafts, skills and knowledge, rides to work.) The challenge is to combine these and other elements into a system of trade that is fair and fun, and that entails a process of wood collection that is ecologically intelligent, reverent toward nature, and safe. If anyone has any experience or ideas please contact us at box 152 or call Will Friedman at 528-4825. We will have the opportunity to discuss things face to face at our first meeting on August 21, at 7:30 in the Church social room. All interested persons are invited and urged to attend.

Thank you,

With Warmth and Goodwill,

The Monterey Festival of the Earth Comm.

## THE MONTEREY FOOD CO-OP

The Monterey Food Co-op distributes food every two weeks on Thursday evenings from 5:30 until 6:30 PM in the Social Room of the United Church of Christ. Membership is open to all who are interested. The work requirements amount to about 3 hours per month. Savings are significant. Quality is high. Many of the food items are organically produced. There is a good selection of cheeses, dried fruits, nuts and grains. There is fresh produce, fruits, yogurt, cottage cheese and juices. There is camaraderie.

Surplus Sales are held during distribution time, 5:30 - 6:30, Thursday evening, August 9, August 23, September 6 and so on. Non-members are invited to buy food during these times. The savings again are something to feast about.

Watch for the CO-OP FARMERS'S MARKET, AUGUST 18, in Greene Park on I LOVE MONTEREY DAY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP CALL 528-1988



## TO THE EDITOR

Debbie Reed's letter in the last issue of the Monterey News talked about the need for carpools among Monterey residents. Not only is there a need for carpools to transport people to work, but there is also a need for co operation regarding travel to the grocery store, the movies and stores in Pittsfield, and farther points. With gas as scarce as it is now and in the future, we can no longer indulge in the luxury of hopping into our cars to buy an item or two several times a week whenever the whim strikes us. Our lives will have to become restructured which may be difficult but this also brings with it a more conscious attitude towards our needs and daily schedules and more co-operation with others in the community.

To be able to cooperate with each other more we may need a system. Colleges have ride boards at which students write down if they are offering or needing a ride to a specific place at a specific time. This could be accomplished with a large covered Bulletin board situated in a central location in Monterey. There could be space for advertisements but the main function would be the exchange of services and rides. Another method of connecting people with rides would be a telephone number that could be called to find out about rides or riders. This method is more flexible and cuts down on trips to the bulletin board but it necessitates a person on phone duty.

There are presently three stores in Monterey that sell food. If we patronized our local stores more perhaps they could afford to improve on their stock so that there would be less need to travel farther. For the people who have been talking about the need in their lives for exercise, a jog or bicycle ride to the post office and store in the morning could save gas and improve the heart. I realize that these hills make the going hard but also very beautiful.

Rose Anne Marie

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